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Geoffrey B. Rhoads
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

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In the Title:

Rewrite the title to read --WATERMARK ENCODING USING ARBITRARY
FEATURES--

In the Claims

Add new claims as follows:

--15. Method of determining a segmentation into distinct regions of a set of coefficients representing at least part of an image in order to insert a set of watermarking signals with a predetermined cardinal, characterised in that it includes the steps of: generating a set of acceptable segmentations, calculating for each acceptable segmentation a probability of error on the detection of the watermarking signals inserted in said each acceptable segmentation, and selecting a segmentation in the set of acceptable segmentations by minimising, on all the acceptable segmentations, the

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